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ORIGINAL POETRY.

TO THE MOON.
How oft, alas! how oft in vain,
Thy fading strength I would not see,
But hoped that time would heal each pain,
And health again be given to thee;
False hope! death's hue is on thy face,
And languid grows each outward grace.

For thee the flowers of spring may shoot,
For thee the roses scent the air,
But long ere autumn sheds its fruit
Like those bright flowers, thou'lt disappear,
And I shall linger, sad, and lone,
When thy soul-cherish'd form is gone.

That thou, so beautiful, and good!
That thou in youth should'st fade away,
Like shrinking flower, in stricken bud,
Ere all its beauties op'd to day,
Alas! my bosom will complain,
Thou' murmuring is as weak, as vain.

How oft, when fancy's glowing tints
Weren on the future brightly cast,
Like love's own hue, which now imprints
Its rosy colours on the past,
I look'd for years of joy with thee,
Which now, alas, can never be.

Yet when thy form reposes 'neath
The dew of heaven, how sweet 'twill seem,
To linger near the home of death,
And of thee absent spirit dream!
Thou' absent still! no, where I lie,
Remain, thy spirit may be nigh.

Soul soothing thought! that those who here
Shall die our scenes of woe and bliss,
Should kindly have a purer sphere,
And sympathize with us on this;
Should round us hover, tho' unseen,
Vindict by a spiritual screen.

This thought shall resignation bring,
Thou' joy again I never may know;
Thou' life thou art hovering
In kindness round my path below—
In vain death's summons hear from heart,
Souls once united, never part.

ERIN.
When the Maker establish'd the pillars of earth,
And the firmament stars o'er the firmament
roll'd;
The land of Gehon, and cradle of worth,
At the smile of the thunder, burst into birth,
Mid the blue-breasted waters all crested with gold,
To her mountains, pavilion'd in azure, were
borne
The choicest balm of the light-pinion'd breeze,
That sigh'd o'er her gold-waving oceans of corn,
Thro' valleys where Flora had culled her horn,
And was cool'd by the silver-scented nymph of the
fens.

He look'd on his land, "and saw it was good,"
And moulded a man to inhabit the land,
He formed his gaunt muscles, and bones, and a
flow
He pour'd round his heart of the gallant blood,
That e'er had stream'd from the work of his hand.
He melted the sapient to roll in his eye,
And he girded his quick-rolling eye ball with fire,
He composed his fine-breath'd of the spices that lie
In the meadow's pure balm, and the zephyr's
first sigh,
To swell o'er the war field, or melt o'er the lyre
In the bright fire of heaven, his spirit he cast,
While the visions of fancy glided radiant around,
And the halo of genius and garland of taste,
Like the wheel of the sun in refraction enshrou'd,
The heaven-born soul of the Irishman bound.

CREATION—AN ODE.
"Thou calm bright sky!
Ere to gaze upon thy vast expanse;
Bounded with 'sliding worlds' that all enhance,
Our love for the Most High,
And teach the wonders of His hand,
Above—around—on sea and land.

Come to view the moon so bright,
Shedding her silvery rays of light,
O'er the wide earth;
Hiding thro' that celestial valley,
By stars dim'd, like a rich galaxy,
The flowery clouds, around thee reem,
Reflecting each radiant beam,
He gave them birth.

Earth! parent of mankind!
On thee, what wonders man may find!
The mighty forests, mountains rise,
Whose summits seem to touch the skies,
The dread volcano! all combine,
To teach us still these wonders are divine.

All earth I love—and boundless sea,
Yea—there is beauty e'en in thee
On which I like to gaze;
When storms the billows raise,
In angry foam, to mountain height,
Although the soul it may affright,
Yet bids us hymn the praise
Of Him whose hand, on tempests away,
And guide the vivid lightning play—
This is the ocean's hour of fear,
But there's a time when thou art cheer,
The souls of those whose homes are on its way.

When calm, like some smooth mirror seeming,
The golden sun upon it beams,
At noon, when he doth seem to rise,
From an ocean bed, to greet the skies.

All nature is sublime—earth, sea and sky,
And rich, and varied, to the mortal eye,
The simple flowers, forests, wide and green,
And the hand of the divine, is seen,
The boundless ocean, and the earth's green
bosom,
And the work of an Almighty Power.

TO THE MOON.
Fair goddess of the still night;
Thou' paler than the orb of day,
Thine unobtrusive, tranquil light,
We welcome thee, as one whose beam,
Can far more grateful bliss impart,
To gild the fond enthusiast's dream,
And soothe pale sorrow's aching heart.

Mid orb! why leads thy gentle power
A charm, which brighter day denies,
And why in every midnight hour
More clear than all his sunny skies?
Why do we leave the haunts of mirth,
To muse and sigh at eve with thee?
And fly the gayest scenes of earth,
To wonder lone, in 'fancy free'.

'Tis midnight—from the deep blue sky
Some scatter'd stars are twinkling now,
While the soft radiance of thine eye,
Plays round my couch and sleepless brow;
Let others prize Aurora's light,
And revel in the gaudy day;
But give me the starry night,
And softer Luna's silvery ray.

SYLVIA.
Princeton, January 12th.

THE GENTLEMAN MISSING.

"Sapere aude." Horat.
"Fools will be fools as what we will,
And reason will be reason still."

Flight has saved individuals both in love
and in war, although the remedy seems to
be weak and feeble, and far from being
a safe and certain one. "Sapere aude," said
Lady Virginia Plutarch, when importuned by
her lovely niece, Lady Virginia Plutarch,
when importuned by the forward addresses of
a rake in very high life. "Withdraw from
the scene of temptation," wrote the best of
wives to her vacillating husband, Fitzmaurice,
when entangled in all the pleasures of a Paris
life, making, gambling, revelling, &c. A
well-conducted retreat, even in a military
point of view, is a masterly operation; and
my reader will be able to judge for himself in
the present instance. Fitzmaurice was a
member of a certain club in St. James's street,
he belonged to the Savoy Club, the Union
Club, the Thatched House, the Philharmonic,
the Beef Steak Club, and the Je ne sais quai.
Besides having a share in a box at the Opera,
and subscribing to a score of institutions,
societies, &c. &c. he always passed for a man
of some talent, and merited the name of an
elegant scholar. These qualities were pass-
ports to the first company, and procured him
popularity which he maintained steadily and
respectably. In his dress and address, his
house, carriage, horses, establishment and ap-
pointments, every thing was consistent, and
in good style and keeping; on which account
the strangers to economy of his acquaintance
set him down for immensely rich; and his re-
gularity, evinced by his bankers' and trades-
men's books, gave him general credit, which
had been dishonorable enough to abuse,
he might have pushed to a very considerable
extent. Grave, good-natured, and well-
bred, he received the utmost compliments; if he
lost, there was not a disordered or de-
ranged line in his countenance; he was
unassuming amongst his equals, and perfectly
at his ease amidst coronets and sup-
porters, excellencies, graces, lordships, and
statesmen; this equanimity, however, could
not escape envy, for there are always weak
minds enough to wish a man down to their
own level of grovelling passions and worth-
lessness.

Year followed year, finding my friend in
the same prosperous circumstances, and in the
same station and circle; all on a sudden, how-
ever, he disappeared from the drawing room,
the clubs, the concert, the theatre, and place
of public resort; his carriage was missed in
Pall Mall and St. James's Street, his horses
were no longer led up and down facing what
was Queenberry-house, his share of the opera
box was let to a good greenhorn, who was
much more welcome to the right honorable
widow joint proprietress, than the calm and
serious Sydney. His name was taken out of
all the club and society books before men-
tioned, in short, "no more of Sydney" was the
general cry. It furnished a striking lesson to
listen to the hints and surmises, the insinua-
tions and good-natured remarks of his former
intimates, at Booth's, the Savoy Club, &c.

"Well, for my part," cried Sir Matthew
Martingale, "I always forg'd that Sydney
was not sterling; that the bubble would burst
some day; all his affected calmness at play,
his contempt of bad luck, his cool unflinching
air—I knew that he could not last. D—n me,
I wish that he had belied before I lost the
last two hundred to him." "By Jove," lau-
ghingly said Lord Tubercule, "what a
steady fellow he was! I wonder who gets
his horse and his yellow tail, (an important
term of contempt for his chariot) he had one
decentish black horse, but he had no (laughing).
Well, I'm glad that old sober sides is done
up." "Quint a non," observed an insufferably
conceited Gallician honorable companion,
"I only regret his cook, (general applause),
the collector at the Savoy, the valet, and the
rogues au an de Champagne. Always
(yawning) thought Sydney a praiseworthy
creature, who held us to death with his clas-
sical, and his long stories." This passed in St.
James's street, at the club-house door.

At the French play, the news of his retreat
was received with uplifted eyebrows, elevated
shoulders, smiles of gratified curiosity, and with
the most liberal observations. "Runned for a
ducat!" said Colonel Callousheart (his East
Indian complexion lighting up with a ray of
malicious pleasure), "faith, he played the
game well; he must have had a few of them;
no doubt but the banker and the coachmaker
—the wine merchant, confectioner, and club
waiters will have cause to remember him a
demure snuff! Why, Bob Backhand had
procured him a thousand sly day." "And his
household?" inquired a stout, and in conver-
sation Sir Benjamin Bazaar, the borough
broker, who, having made his money in the stock
of usury, could not bear to see a rival in inde-
pendence, which the knight himself had earned
by early laborious habits in a hostile climate,
and by subsequent monopoly, commercial
maneuvers, and political trimming. "You
are pleased to be witty, Sir Benjamin," sneer-
ingly replied a member of parliament and
neighbor of his, "if you had talked of a new
way to pay old debts, or rather an old way
to pay all debts, you would have been more
correct, and would not have merited to be
called to order. We have all of us dined and
supped with the poor devil often enough; and
I believe on a balance, I have a few hundred

pounds of his money won at whist, where *le jeu
ne va pas la chandelle*, for I hate whist and
moderate play; but there is nothing strange in
all this; *fallas* of small fortune will cut high
into the first circles, and they must pay dear
for it; banishment on the continent, or the
rules of a prison, this is their only choice."
At the words, nearly the same vein of kind-
ness and liberality, through all his *société*
friends and intimate acquaintance. Lady
Kalendar assured her circle that he was exten-
guished for ever, his lights were put out,
never could he harangue the *conversations*
party, nor 's share in the discussions of the
literary meetings at H—house; he owed (she
bobbly asserted) a hundred thousand pounds,
and his house and furniture must come to the
hammer. "Robins for ever!" exclaimed in an
ecstasy the spinster Lady Barbara Blane.
"I shall get all his old China French clocks,
and the antique cabinet. What a pretty ba-
ble! I never saw him, but he had not the for-
tunately frigidly disgusted me, when I found
him a *respectable* person, and set my cap at
him!" Even Sir Benjamin Bazaar, who owed
him numerous obligations, confessed that he
had views on his library. At length doctor
Dirtworthy stepped in, and assured the party
that he would ascertain every circumstance of
his *recession*, and would bring all particulars
to the address of Dampfane's "at home," the
next night at twelve. "Remember twelve!"
sighed out Lady Barbara (Barbarus I had near-
ly written) whilst the furies hissed *apropos* in
the ballet of Don Juan. The curtain was opped,
but the thirst for scandal kept open the wak-
ing eye of *gentle* Lady Bab.

The Dutchess was "at home," and the in-
teresting hour of twelve arrived, when the
doctor made his way through a crowded as-
semblage of rank and fashion, and gained the
spot where Lady Barbara was sitting, surround-
ed by a rare set of fame stabbers, and reputa-
tion clippers and hewers. "Well, dear doc-
tor, what about the runaway?" was articul-
ated simultaneously by the tabby and spinster
tribe. "Sailed for Calais in an open boat, I'll
bet a hundred," interrupted one, whilst Lady
Bab sat tapping her feet and fan with anxiety
to hear the worst. "An excursion in the
house," exclaimed a divorced dame who had
turned prole, "come doctor, out with it."
"Why, ladies," cried the crest-fallen doctor,
"I never was so disappointed in my life; after
making all possible inquiries, he does not owe
a shilling in the world." "Impossible!"
screamed Lady Bab. "He has five hundred
pounds in his banker's hands." "Frightful!"
cried her grace. "His horses are at grass,
and his carriage is sent to be painted; he has
only discharged two servants." "Prodigious!"
said the parson—"the first being on board-
ings, except one whom he has taken with him,
and lastly, his house is not to be let." "No
his books to be sold!" mournfully ac-
cused the Reverend. "But where did his
servant say he was gone?" inquired Miss Cas-
sandra Winterfield. "Only into the coun-
try," answered the doctor. "And for how
long?" "His doing," said the doctor. "Oh! I see three—" he resumed Lady
Barbarus, "it is all a little display, the man is
in the rules of the Bench, but the general
blow-up has not yet come, and matters are
kept snug and quiet for a time." "All the
ladies looked full of hope, as did Colonel Cal-
lousheart, and Sir Benjamin, who joined the
circle. "No, no," replied the doctor, "for I
made inquiries both at the Fleet and at the
Bench." "How good of you?" muttered to
myself, overhearing all that passed. "What
can have become of him," said two or three of
the faded fair ones in union and harmony to-
gether for the first time. "Nothing so simple,"
observed Lord Tubercule, in a consoling tone,
"the man has got into debts that are not
generally known, or some of the kind; or
other, and he has drowned himself." The
remark convinced them all. "Poor sly fel-
low!" quoth Lady Bab. "No wonder!" ut-
tered her neighbor. "I am sorry for it," said
Miss Cassandra with a smile in her eye, for she
had borrowed fifty pounds of him. "Finally,
the report was believed by all, and was circu-
lated in every quarter the next morning—
Month followed month, and he was forgotten
by those who had flattered and fed at his ex-
pense the most; but his unexpected return
changed not only the face of affairs, but many
other faces.

At the close of one year my friend re-
turned, he had made the tour of England; yet, from
the change in the mode of his life, and the
diminution of his property, he found himself
with half-a-year's income before he had de-
duced the five hundred pounds in his banker's
hands, his health was unimpaired, in consequence
of regular hours, pure country air, greatly in-
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It is very interesting to observe how charmingly nature has supplied the absence of snow, to the beautiful valley of Lima. From the base of the mountain to the sea the land has a gradual descent, and is irrigated at pleasure, in every direction, with the most trifling labor, and although Lima stands more than 300 feet above the level of the sea, yet perfectly insulated in this plain, that in going to Callao, you actually appear descending to the city.

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Products to the country, those of the temperate, as well as of the tropical zone, are to be found at all seasons in the Lima market, for such is the wonderful variety of climate within a short distance, that when summer prevails in the valleys, winter rules in the mountains, and vice versa.

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It is stated that 11 ships, 6 American, 4 French, and 1 Swedish, 28 briggs, 2 schooners, 21 American and 1 English, have sustained partial damage, or been totally lost on the Bahama Banks or Reefs of Florida, within the year 1823. The aggregate value of these vessels and cargoes is computed at \$200,000.

A cow of the improved Sandwich breed has been recently slaughtered by Elisha Hanson, Esq. at Bedford, N. H. the quarters, hide and tongue, weighed 1122 pounds.

Baltimore as it is had a population of 8,000 in 1776, 13,500 in 1800, 20,000 in 1810, 30,700 in 1820, 62,700 in 1823. The city is evidently improving, property is becoming more valuable, business is increasing, and public spirit is unobscured.

4. Mr. Grump is elected a Representative to Congress from the District in Virginia lately represented by Mr. Randolph.

The law prohibiting the sale of lottery tickets, in Connecticut, has been repealed, and a substitute provided, by which none can sell tickets without paying into the treasury 100 dollars for a license.

From Washington we learn that the Georgia difficulties have been happily adjusted by a treaty in which the Creeks have ceded all the lands in that State to the General Government.

Recent statistics state that 2500 persons had moved to Vera Cruz. Not a room of any description was to be procured. A great number of new buildings were putting up, and the place was all in a bustle.

Mr. Miner, has brought forward a proposition in the house of representatives, in Congress, approving the appointment made by the president to the Congress of Panama.—Whenever that motion becomes the order of the day, we can not hope that it will carry by a sweeping and triumphant majority.

Information from Buenos Ayres, states that War between the Brazilian and Buenos Ayres governments was inevitable.—The Brazilians are willing to give up the Banda Oriental to Buenos Ayres upon receiving pay for it—this had been refused them, and as a consequence it was expected a war would ensue.

The Manager of the Hubbard Gallery, now in Boston, offers fifty dollars, or a piece of plate of that value, for the best poetical description of the Papyrogonia and Pantheonism. The poem must be less than fifty, and must contain four hundred lines, and be sent to the manager, post-paid, on or before the 11th of February.

One of the party of "about forty unknown people dressed like Indians," who boarded the ship Eleanor, in Boston, in 1773, and threw overboard 114 chests of tea, now lives in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is, says the Crisis, a temperate, hardy old veteran, supports his family by the sweat of his brow, and often boasts of the "Boston tea party."

We are gratified in being able to inform the public, says the Trenton Federalist, that Gov. Williamson, who has been so long and severely afflicted by sickness, is now much better, and there is every reason to hope for his complete recovery.

The population of Illinois, is found by the State census lately taken, to be 72,817. According to the United States census of 1820, it was 55,211.

The General Assembly of Louisiana met on the 1st ult. and received the Message of the Governor, Henry Johnson, Esq. on the same day.

A bill to confirm the act of the Legislature of Connecticut, in relation to the improvements of Massachusetts, has passed the Legislature of Massachusetts.

The cost of supplying the City of New York with pure Water, is estimated by Mr. White, Engineer, in his report to the Water Works Company, at \$1,325,000, exclusive of the sums necessary for purchasing water rights and paying all damages.

The superfluities of the Republic of Guatemala is 26,152 square leagues, and is larger than that of Spain. The great lake of Nicaragua, which is one hundred and fifty leagues in circumference, lies in the territory of the Republic, which is accessible by numerous harbors.

A Presbyterian clergyman, from Prince Edward, Va. in company with his whole family of servants, recently passed through Richmond on his way to Norfolk, to provide for them a passage to Liberia, in Africa, and to give them his parting blessing.

The governor of Ohio has given Peter Dannon his choice, either to be hung, or to be confined in the Penitentiary ten years. D. has chosen the latter.

Calcutta has been made the Capital of Alabama, a state which is proposed to abolish imprisonment for debt.

Capt. Hawley, at New York, from Maracaibo, informs, that three brigs, and two or three schooners, Spanish privateers, were cruising on the coast, and committing great depredations.

A lottery express went from Providence to Boston, nearly 40 miles, in two hours and fifty three minutes, last week.

A wild cat, was lately presented to the proprietors of the Charleston Museum, measuring from the head to the point of the tail three feet and three inches. It is considered to be the largest yet caught in the Southern States.

The Legislature of Ohio is not expected to adjourn before the 2d or 3d week in February.

On the night of the 20th ult. nine stores on the old County wharf, in the town of Newbern, N. C. were destroyed by fire.—They were occupied by Messrs. Sylvester Brown, P. Managet, Thos. P. Boey, Jeremiah Brown, Henry Dewey, Dempsey Wade, and R. Boudin.

On Monday and Tuesday last, one hundred and fifteen African residents of Paterson, N. J. reported themselves and declared their intention of becoming citizens of the United States agreeably to the acts of Congress upon that subject.

A company of about thirty men under the command of Dr. Robinson, of Tennessee, passed through Natchez on Saturday, December 24th, for Texas. They have gone to survey and explore a grant made to a gentleman of Tennessee. They were all hale, fine looking young men.

The Fayetteville, N. C. Observer, of the 26th ult. says, twenty seven deer were for sale on that morning, in the market of Fayetteville. Large quantities have been brought to our market this season, and it is seen sold here as low as seven cents per pound.

A young man named James M'Afferty, was murdered on Wednesday morning about one o'clock, in Fifth street from Schuylkill, between Market and Chestnutstreets. M'Afferty was, we are informed, in a sleigh with two horses, by a man named Hagerly, who kept a public house on Schuylkill Fifth street, and who invited them to go round to his house to get something to drink. They accepted of the invitation, but on M'Afferty's knocking at the door, a man named Russell rushed out of the house with a pair of tongs in his hand, with which he gave M'Afferty several blows on the head and killed him. Russell was afterwards found by the watch, secreted behind a chimney on the top of the house. M'Afferty was about twenty years old. His father is a master dayman who has his stand on Chestnut street wharf. We have not heard that there had been any previous differences between the parties.

Letters from Harrisburg, dated Saturday last, announced the final defeat of the Coal Bill. The bill was negatived in the Committee of the whole, on Friday evening, by striking out the first section, and on Saturday morning the question before the House of Representatives, on agreeing to the report of the Committee of the whole, negativing the bill, was decided by Yeas and Nays, and carried by a large majority—Yeas 66—Nays 23.

The Pennsylvania Canal Bill, passed the House of Representatives on the 1st inst. on its second reading—Yeas 51—Nays 31—and was ordered to be transmitted for a third reading.—It, no doubt, will pass the Senate.

The City of Philadelphia is well supplied with water from the Schuylkill River. The whole extent of iron pipes, which conveys the water, is now upwards of fifteen miles. It is estimated that the aggregate of water rents for 1826, will be \$29,160. A handsome revenue

will accrue to the city in a few years, as the water rents, after defraying all expenses, except those incurred by the purchase of new iron pipes, yield an annual surplus to the sinking fund of 14,000 dollars.

The Philadelphia Society for the promotion of Agriculture offer the following premiums:

1. Fifty dollars, or a gold medal of equal value for the greatest quantity of sewing silk made from cocoons of silkworms which have been bred in Pennsylvania, and fed on the Italian Mulberry tree.

2. Twenty five dollars for the best treatise on the culture of the Italian Mulberry tree, and on the breeding and management of silkworms, the result of practice in the United States.

3. A silver cup, value fifty dollars, for the best specimen of wool adapted to the manufacture of superfine broad cloth, reference being had to the form, properties and characteristics of the sheep, fitting it for the production of high flavoured mutton, with light offal.

4. A silver cup, value fifty dollars, for the best specimen of long or combing wool, reference being had to the form, properties and characteristics of the animal, affording most flesh and tallow with least offal.

A silver cup, value twenty five dollars, for the best potatoes produced from the seeds of the apples, reference to be had to the product and quality of root.

The principal parliament of Lower Canada, met at Quebec on the 21st ult. Governor Dalhousie's speech on the occasion, calls the attention of the legislature to the important change which the Parliament of Great Britain has made in the commercial policy of the state, by opening to the colonies an almost unlimited participation in all the advantages of trade hitherto reserved for the mother country.

Upper Canada is not quite as tranquil and liberal as Lower Canada. On a bill before the assembly to extend to the Americans certain privileges, Mr. Rolph made an animal speech, in answer to it, one of the members, Mr. James Jones, said—"Mr. Rolph's language is foul, infamous and scandalous; (Mr. Rolph) has a vile and democratic heart; and ought to be sent out of the country."

The widow of Commodore Decatur has presented a well written memorial to Congress, soliciting for herself, as the sole representative of her husband, and his associates, payment for the Philadelphia frigate, which they gallantly recaptured from the Tripolitans and burnt, and which materially promoted peace and abolished tribute. Though the claim is presented at a late period it loses none of its force or any part of its lustre.

The amount of property in Ohio now subject to and returned for tax on is \$38,924,770. The number of acres of land is 15,174,186, which is valued at \$37,244,493—the general average is \$2.45, 4. Value of houses, 1,549,889. Value of Towns property \$7,183,198. Number of horses, 1,807—value \$5,517,810. Number of cattle, 274,689—value \$2,501,093. Merchants' capital 5,202,400. Value of carriages \$20,883.

A Memorial has been presented to the Senate, from the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, signed by Chief Justice Tilden, requesting against the application of the Jefferson College, to grant diplomas to Medical Students. The determination of this question excites much interest, as every question must, which involves considerable pecuniary interest. It is said, that the Jefferson college, this year, its first year, has 115 students, and that the number of students at the University is as great as usual.

Chesapeake and Delaware Canal.—Since the 28th Oct. last, the force on the whole line has been gradually increased. There are now on the eastern section, 1000 workmen, and on the summit level, 900. Altogether, on the whole line of the canal there are upwards of 2,500 hands at work. They are regularly paid, are contented with their situation, and work with great spirit. Great progress is making in this important undertaking.

A merchant in New-York having imported some silk cloaks for ladies, about a year ago, found them of very dull sale. His clerk was directed to advertise the cloaks, for a third time; having visited the night previous, and returning much delighted, he advertised them as opera cloaks—new importation. In a short time the shop was thronged with ladies to see his opera cloaks, and the whole importation was speedily disposed of.

Ruth Wheeler, a cancer doctor in Providence, brought an action against Mr. Hill to recover pay for attending upon his wife and dressing her cancer ten different times. It appeared in evidence that Mrs. Hill had no cancer but a scrofulous humor; and that the quack had applied vitriol to the supposed cancer in such quantities as to nearly injure the patient. The plaintiff was nonsuited.

The Stage from the West lately arrived at Coughlin's, N. Y. and the passengers were very patiently waiting for the driver to open the door. As there were no indications of such a step, the passengers helped themselves out, and were astonished to find they had no driver, but that the horses had brought up regularly at the stage house. Presently a man rode up, who informed that he had found the driver in the road, three miles back, with both his legs broken and his thigh. He was not heard to fall off, perhaps owing to the noise of the stage on the frozen road. It thus appears that the horses kept the road for three miles in a dark night, and at their usual pace. The recovery of the driver is considered doubtful.

The wolves have increased in a dreadful manner in Croatia, (a province in the south of Hungary) and pursue the human species as well as cattle. The magistrate sent 400 men against them, armed with muskets, bayonets, &c. Fifty florins are offered for female wolves and only one for males. They were long unsuccessful, till they placed some children on an eminence in the wood, and when the wolves approached, some of them were shot by marksmen placed in ambush.

Captain Freeman of the brig Trident, arrived at Mobile, from Porto Rico, informs that a French ship from the coast of Africa had arrived with a cargo of slaves, the first mate and part of the crew having mutinied and murdered the captain, supercargo and second mate. The slaves were sold before these circumstances leaked out. The mate, on finding his conduct was known, made his escape in the boat, but the crew were apprehended and confined.—The ship was bound to St. Thomas, and had been given up to her consignee, and sailed for that place. The misfortunes of men engaged in this abominable traffic, are

